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A composite illustration featuring two rows of portraits of men, likely the rowers. The top row is labeled "THE CAMBRIDGE CREW 1889" and includes a "stroke" and a "cox". The bottom row is labeled "THE OXFORD CREW 1889". To the left, a man sits at a desk while another stands nearby, with the text "WEIGHED AND NOT FOUND WANTING." below them. To the right, a scene shows rowers training on a river, with the text "OXFORD TUBBING 'Tubby or not Tubbys'" and a signature "W.H.C." at the bottom right.

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THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE OARSMEN: TRAINING AT PUTNEY FOR THE RACE.

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OUR LONDON LETTER.

The Oxford and Cambridge Crews, having, as usual, courageously pursued their practice in the teeth of the keen east wind, and of snow and sleet and rain, surly merit a fine day for their annual race on the Thames.



The locks of lively Undergraduates who once owned Mr. Woodgate in some sort as their athletic King, had the accustomed sports provided for them on Friday, this year at the Queen's Club Grounds, West Kensington; but the high-spirited lads from the Cam and the Isis have, alas! no longer any Evans's Music Hall, in which to shout and laugh on the eve of the Boat-Race. The contest for the Blue Ribbon of the River is fixed at a convenient time. The steam-boats leave the London piers about eleven o'clock; so that the race takes place about mid-day on Saturday. It may be added for the information of sightseers that, after the race, Baldwin's familiar feat is to be attempted by a rival parachutist, Mr. C. W. Williams, who is to ascend from the Red Lion Hotel, Bridge-road, Barnes.

The late Sir Thomas Gladstone, it will be seen, bore a strong resemblance to his illustrious brother, who, lightly carrying his burden



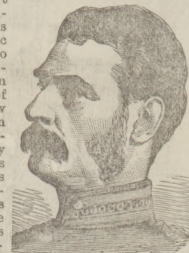
of seventy-nine winters, sped to Scotland to follow the remains of the head of his house to their last resting-place. Sir Thomas Gladstone was in his eighty-fifth year, and remained a Tory to the last—lacking the enlightenment of William Ewart Gladstone.

The Corporation of the City of London never did a wiser thing than when it bestirred itself (grace to the public spirit of *Punch's* genial "Robert") to check the marauding hands of suburban residents by securing Epping Forest as a Free People's Park. Will it be believed that Epping Forest, which her Majesty especially journeyed from Windsor to declare to be the People's for ever, is now being shamefully thinned by wholesale wood-cutting? The Queen herself cannot fail to hear of such gross acts of

Vandalism with deep regret, for it is well known that her Majesty has taken a real interest in the resort of particular beauty to the teeming population of the East-End of London.

That "Woodman, spare that Tree," should be a reasonable song in Epping Forest is made manifest by a series of views from photographs aptly published by the editor of the *Evening Post*. This spirited London paper should seal the doom of a most reprehensible practice by the alarming declaration that "during the last two years between 20,000 and 30,000 trees have been felled. More than 10,000 are lying as they fell from last winter, and the winter before, strewn woods and paths." It is intimated that Mr. Harry Marks will probably bring this crying evil before the London County Council; and it is to be hoped this trenchant critic will be successful in his crusade.

Colonel Edis, the devoted Commander of the Artists' smart corps of Volunteers, and his equally patriotic comrades, are to be warmly congratulated upon the completion of their spacious new headquarters in Duke-street, Euston-road. Every Volunteer corps ought to have a roomy a meeting-place and club as those which the Prince of Wales opened last Monday in Duke-street, H.R.H. being accompanied by the Princess and their daughters.



Will London ratepayers be any better off for the new London Council? That is a vital question with us over-taxed householders. I greatly fear that, unless the majority of Councilors curb their extravagant hobbies with a good round-turn of the Strict Economy reins, our rates will be largely increased instead of decreased. Will not the Earl of Rosebery and Sir John Lubbock exert their influence in time to check this budding extravagance? The Council's printing bill, to begin with, must already amount to a very considerable sum. Wasteful printing ought to be sternly suppressed. The gist of essential reports can be given in a very small space. Let Councilors instruct their officers to condense all information to be printed. If the L.C.C. clerks have not the requisite skill to do this, a few smart journalists from the Parliamentary reporting-galleries would easily do the work.

I am assured that the abolition of the London Coal Duty would have the immediate effect of an increase of metropolitan rates to the extent of 3½d. to 4d. in the pound! If we could depend upon saving threepence or fourpence per ton on our coal, the removal of this impost would be not much matter. But as this saving would be very problematical indeed, and the increase in the rates would certainly be very galling on most ratepayers, the dropping of the London Coal Tax ought assuredly not to take place till a proportionate reduction of rates can be effected in another direction. We look to Lord Rosebery to protect us from the "faddists" of the London Council.

London's Board schools—the expenses of which have been monstrously run up by the scandalously extravagant School Boards returned to London's cost—need also to be managed with the utmost economy if London ratepayers are to be relieved from oppression imposed too generally with a "light heart." Whilst the present exorbitant School-Board Rate ought to be materially reduced for the sake of the poor householders, there is an admirable field in which benevolent promoters of Education can exercise their charity. I refer to the new Recreative Evening Schools, which continue the education of poor lads and lasses who have left the School Boards, and enable them to acquire more knowledge in evening hours which might, without the night opening of the Board Schools, be wasted in idleness. Philanthropists anxious to aid this good cause—which offers education to 80,000 children annually—should send their subscriptions to that genial gentleman, Mr. Cyril Flower, M.P., Surrey House, 7, Hyde Park-

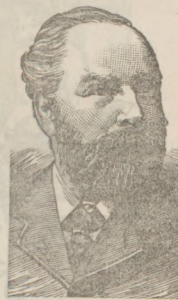
place (which happens, by-the-way, to be next door but one to the town-house of Mr. Henry Sampson, the doughty "Pendragon" of the *Referee*).

The shifty evasiveness of "Bomba Balfour" with respect to Government support of the *Times* on the Parnell Committee and Sir Richard Webster's barefaced holding back of the *Pictorial* forged letters, having been deservedly censured by a growing minority in the Commons, thanks to their bold arraignment by Mr. John Morley and Sir William Harcourt, the Ministry has this week gone in for the new Navy programme. But the tergiversation of the Salisbury Administration regarding Ireland cannot be too strongly denounced. It has already been formally repudiated by Lord Randolph Churchill, who left the Ministry which would not fulfil the pledges solemnly given at the last General Election. His Lordship also manfully refrained from voting with the Conservatives, who intemperately intimated by their cheers that they still believed the Pigott letters to be written by Mr. Parnell, but who quailed before Mr. Parnell when the courageous and long-suffering Irish leader put to them this plain, straightforward question:—

Is there any one of them who will get up in his place, or sitting in his place, by a shake of his head, or a nod, or a word, venture to say that he believes that there is any doubt whatever as to the forgery of those letters which have been alleged to have been written and signed by me? Not a word, not a nod from the cowed Ministers! One honourable Conservative, Mr. Alexander Staveland Hill (after a conversation with Lord Randolph Churchill), notably distinguished himself from the inarticulate libellers near him by candidly acknowledging his "full acceptance of the statement of the hon. member for Cork that those letters were rank forgeries."

No wonder the ignoble tactics of the stock Conservatives and Liberal Unionists are exciting increasing disavowal outside as well as inside Parliament! The Gordon Division of Lancashire has by a largely increased Gladstonian majority joined Govan and Kennington in signifying emphatic public disapproval of the Irish "Coercion" policy of "Bomba Balfour"; and I have no doubt that on the current Saturday, in the English Chamber of Middlesex, the result of the ballot will show that Mr. Fairbairns, the candidate gallantly championing "Justice to Erin," has likewise materially added to the Liberal vote for Justice and Common sense.

Mr. William Mather, who beat Mr. Hatch by a majority of \$46 re-enters the House of Commons opportunely to remind Mr. Balfour that the "raing tide" in Lancashire is strongly against the feudal Dublin Castle policy of Despotism in Ireland. Mr. Mather, formerly M.P. for South Salford, is an engineer by profession, and a partner in the great firm of Mather and Platt, proprietors of the Salford Ironworks. Mr. Mather (portrayed above) is a true friend to workmen. The hon. member rightly said his victory at Gorton proved "that the most enlightened constituency in Lancashire has grown continually in those principles which will remove injustice and oppression from the laws of this country, and restore the law of righteousness."



The Duke of Cambridge was seventy on Tuesday. "Many Happy Returns of the Day" must have been particularly acceptable to H.R.H. who wished under his own roof-tree by the Prince and Princess of Wales, the young Soldier-Prince, and his charming sisters.

Although John Bright had been on the threshold of death during a prolonged and painful illness, the news that he died at One Ash, Rochdale, on Wednesday morning, could not but occasion general sadness. In their irreparable loss, Mr. Bright's family have the heartiest sympathy of all who remember his grand services to the cause of Freedom and Reform. Far, far happier would England be at this day, if the rational Land Reforms John Bright lustily advocated thirty years ago had

been effected by Parliament! John Bright and Richard Cobden will be ever revered for their noble crusade on behalf of Unbaked Bread for the Poor. It is singular, indeed, in view of his latest utterances, that Mr. Bright's should have been the eloquent voice that over twenty years back warned Mr. Gladstone that Conciliation rather than Coercion should be dealt out to Ireland. But all of us, by the open grave, at the present moment only mourn for the great Tribune who grandly and unselfishly laboured for the greatest happiness of the greatest number of his fellow-countrymen, and who shared with Mr. Gladstone the distinction of being the most powerful orator (what a charm there was in his silvery tone, clear as a bell!) of Queen Victoria's reign. Whilst the Commons unite with the whole People to lament the death of John Bright, the House of Lords has lost one of its most useful members in the Duke of Buckingham, whose businesslike faculty admirably fitted him to preside over their Lordships' Committees.

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PHILIP.

Queen Victoria and Queen Christina.

The Reigning Queen of Spain, who is in appear-

ance very much like any other comely woman, as may be judged from the accompanying Portrait of the late Madrid on Monday last for San Sebastian, where Her Majesty arranged to meet Queen Victoria at the Ayeto Castle on Wednesday. Thursday. Thus ran the programme: Meeting of Queen Christina and the Queen of England at the railway station; Royal luncheon at Ayeto Castle; visit of the two Queens to the graves of British officers killed in 1813; and an exhibition of Basque dancing before both Queens. Widow of King Alfonso XII., Queen Christina commands the sympathies of all believers in Monarchy for the judicious way in which she has conducted the Regency for her very youthful son, the infant King of Spain. It will be remembered that King Alfonso XII., married in the first instance to Princess Maria de las Mercedes, Infanta of Spain, shortly after the death of his first wife espoused Maria Christina, daughter of the late Archduke Charles Ferdinand of Austria. She was born on July 21, 1858, and had two daughters during Alfonso's life. Her son, the young King of Spain, was a posthumous child.



THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS.
The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, proceeded to Duke's-road, Euston-road, on Monday afternoon, and there opened the new headquarters of the 20th Middlesex (Artists') Rifle Volunteers, commanded by Colonel Edis, R.S.A., in aid of the building fund. The Countess of Morton, General Sir Dighton Probyn, and Major-General Ellis were in attendance. Her Majesty the Queen, as President of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, gave a dinner to the council and high officers of the society, in the banquetting-hall of St. James's Palace, last Tuesday night; the Prince of Wales taking the chair on behalf of her Majesty, and making an admirable speech on the coming jubilee fête.

Prince Albert Victor, attended by Captain Holford, performed the ceremony of opening the "Herbert Webbe" memorial, at the "Webbe Institute," in Abbey-street, Bethnal-green, the same day.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by Prince Albert Victor and Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, were present at the performance of "Still Waters Run Deep" at the Criterion Theatre on Monday evening.

The Prince's Hall was crowded on Monday night, when the third smoking concert was given this season by the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society. The Prince of Wales entered the building at nine o'clock, accompanied by the Earl of Lathom, Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., who sat on the Prince's right; the Crown Prince of Saxony, Prince Ernest of Hohenlohe, Lord Methuen, Lord E. Hamilton, M.P., Mr. W. A. Tyssen Amherst, M.P., Mr. George H. Lewis (solicitor to Mr. Charles S. Parnell, M.P.), the Hon. Arthur Walsh, M.P., General Mackenzie, and Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P.

The Prince of Wales arranged to leave London for Liverpool on Thursday morning, and during his visit is to be the guest of the Earl of Sefton, at Sefton Park. His Royal Highness will witness the Grand National Steeplechase, and return to London on Saturday.

DEATH OF JOHN BRIGHT.

ENGLAND'S great Tribune breathed his last at half-past eight on Wednesday morning, at One Ash, Rochdale. John Bright's last illness practically dated from May last year, when during a journey from London to Rochdale he contracted a severe cold, which was followed almost immediately by symptoms of congestion of the lungs and later by diabetes. Over and over again his medical attendant, Dr. Hayle, despaired of saving his patient's life, and it is now known that in the early part of December Mr. Bright took his final farewell separately with each member of the family. To the astonishment, not only of Dr. Hayle, but also of Dr. Tysdale, the homoeopathic physician who was called into consultation, an extraordinary improvement set in about the middle of December, and Mr. Bright continued to improve, until, in February, he was once more able to leave his bed, and sit up in an arm-chair in his room for a couple of hours each evening. He caught a fresh cold a week or so ago; and gradually sank.

The Queen made several inquiries respecting Mr. Bright's condition; and so did the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Empress Frederick, and other Royal personages. Mr. Bright's four daughters and three sons were present by their father's side when he passed away. He suffered no pain, being unconscious at the last and life ebbed away while the patient was apparently sleeping.

Mr. Bright was born at Greenbank, near Rochdale, on Nov. 16, 1811. His father was a cotton-spinner, and the family had been associated with the Society of Friends for several generations. Hence John Bright was educated first at the Quaker School at Ackworth, and afterwards at York and Newton. At the age of sixteen years, he entered his father's factory, where he proved himself a capable and successful man of business. As a politician, his public life may be said to date from 1841, when he, along with Mr. Cobden, undertook to conduct the memorable agitation that ended in the repeal of the Corn Laws. In 1843 Bright, who was regarded as an ultra-Radical, was returned as member for the city of Durham; and his first speech in the House of Commons, delivered on Aug. 7 in that year, was in favour of abolishing the duties upon manufactures. When England drifted into the Crimean War, Mr. Bright strongly opposed the Ministerial policy, and condemned the war in numerous speeches in the House of Commons and in the country. One of his addresses, delivered in Parliament on Feb. 24, 1856, and in which he used the passage, "The Angel of Death has been abroad throughout the land; you may almost hear the beating of his wings," has many times been referred to as a brilliant specimen of oratorical effort. Mr. Bright was re-elected for Birmingham in August, 1857, and has ever since remained one of the representatives of that town. Mr. Gladstone had the good fortune to secure Mr. Bright as a member of his first two Cabinets; but Mr. Bright latterly took the side of Lord Hartington on the Irish Question.

THE FIRST SHAM-FIGHT AT ALDERBURY since Sir Evelyn Wood assumed command of the district took place last Monday. It has additional interest from the fact that by volunteers from many of the public schools were brigaded with the regular troops.

FITS, EPILEPSY OR FALLING SICKNESS.—If you want to be permanently cured of this distressing complaint, write to Mr. WILLIAMS, 10, Oxford-terrace, Hyde Park, London. He will send you "gratis" full instructions for cure, and advice on diet.—(Adv.)

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A PAIN, BEAUTIFUL SKIN.—SALFORD'S SKIN GEL gives the natural tint and makes the skin smooth, supple, healthy, comfortable. 6d. tablets. Everywhere.—(Adv.)

The Plangoen.



MR. THOMAS THORNE

(sketched in the sprightly Asmodean character of "That Doctor Cupid," devised for him by Mr. Robert Buchanan, in the new and amusing Vaudeville comedy) most genially and sympathetically presided over the thirty-third dinner of the Dramatic and Musical Sick Fund, at the Hotel Métropole. 4760 was subscribed.

I have much pleasure in giving a sketch of Mr. Edward Terry in his quaint impersonation of bibulous Dick Phenyl and of charmingly pretty



Miss Maude Millet as Minnie, in "Sweet Lavender"; for Mr. A. S. Pinero's delightful Robertsonian comedy with the fragrant title has amused and pleased large audiences at Terry's Theatre in the Strand for more than a year, and is still drawing good houses. On the anniversary performance, March 21, souvenirs of "Sweet Lavender" were presented to the ladies among the audience. No doubt "Sweet Lavender" is in for a much longer run, thanks mainly to the winning naturalness of Miss Maude Millet and the captivating vividness of red-nosed, kind-hearted Dick Phenyl's rendering of a not uncommon human weakness. Friends "up for the Boat-Race" should not miss Mr. Augustus Harris's grandest spectacle, "The Babes in the Wood," at Drury-Lane; nor Mr. Irving's magnificent "Macbeth"; nor Mr. Mansfield's superb production of "Richard III." Those remaining in town over Monday will find the memorable "Bivouac" ballet eclipsed at the Alhambra by the resplendent new choreographic display, "The Army and Navy." Admire also "The Silver Falls."



THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOAT-RACE AS THE PUBLIC WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT: BOW TO BOW AT BARNES BRIDGE.

THE COMING RACE FOR THE BLUE RIBBON OF THE THAMES.

AIR was the weather when the public hied to Putney last Saturday to witness the practice of the Oxford and Cambridge Crews; and it is sincerely to be hoped the weather will on the actual day of the race—Saturday, March 30—be sunny and springlike enough to enable the fair sex to gather in large numbers on the river and on the banks to grace the fairest and most attractive contest of the year. The Cambridge men, who form a fine crew, and who are the same eight that rowed together successfully last

year, continue to be the favourites. But since the Oxford men have arrived at Putney, the strength of their measured rowing has improved their position in the opinion of the lookers-on. That there may be as close a race as is indicated in the above illustration is devoutly to be wished. Sight of this dead-heat at Barnes Bridge reminds us that the spirited and active-minded Manager of the London and South-Western Railway, Mr. Scotter, provides especial facilities to holiday-makers who would view the race at this vantage point, so near the flag-boat. On the river itself, there will be several Boat-Race parties, the Fleet of the Victoria Steam-boat Company being engaged for pleasure cruises up the river, and for convenient "grand stands," whence to view the eights flash past. A notion of the respective merits of the two crews may be formed from the results of their rows on Saturday last.

THE OXONIANS,

in view of a journey in the afternoon to Nutfield, where they arranged to stay till Monday, were at the London Boat-house at half-past ten o'clock last Saturday morning, and, coached by Mr. T. C. Edmunds-Moss, they launched their new Clasper at ten minutes to eleven. They paddled up against the ebb-tide at a steady stroke of twenty-nine, and eased opposite Walden's Wharf and again just above the Oil Mills. After this they continued their upward journey to the engine-house of the Sewage Works at Chiswick. Here they turned and dropped down to Thorneycroft's Works, where they took off their overjerseys and prepared for a smart row below Hammer-smith. They started away from a spot two lengths above the church at Chiswick, and,

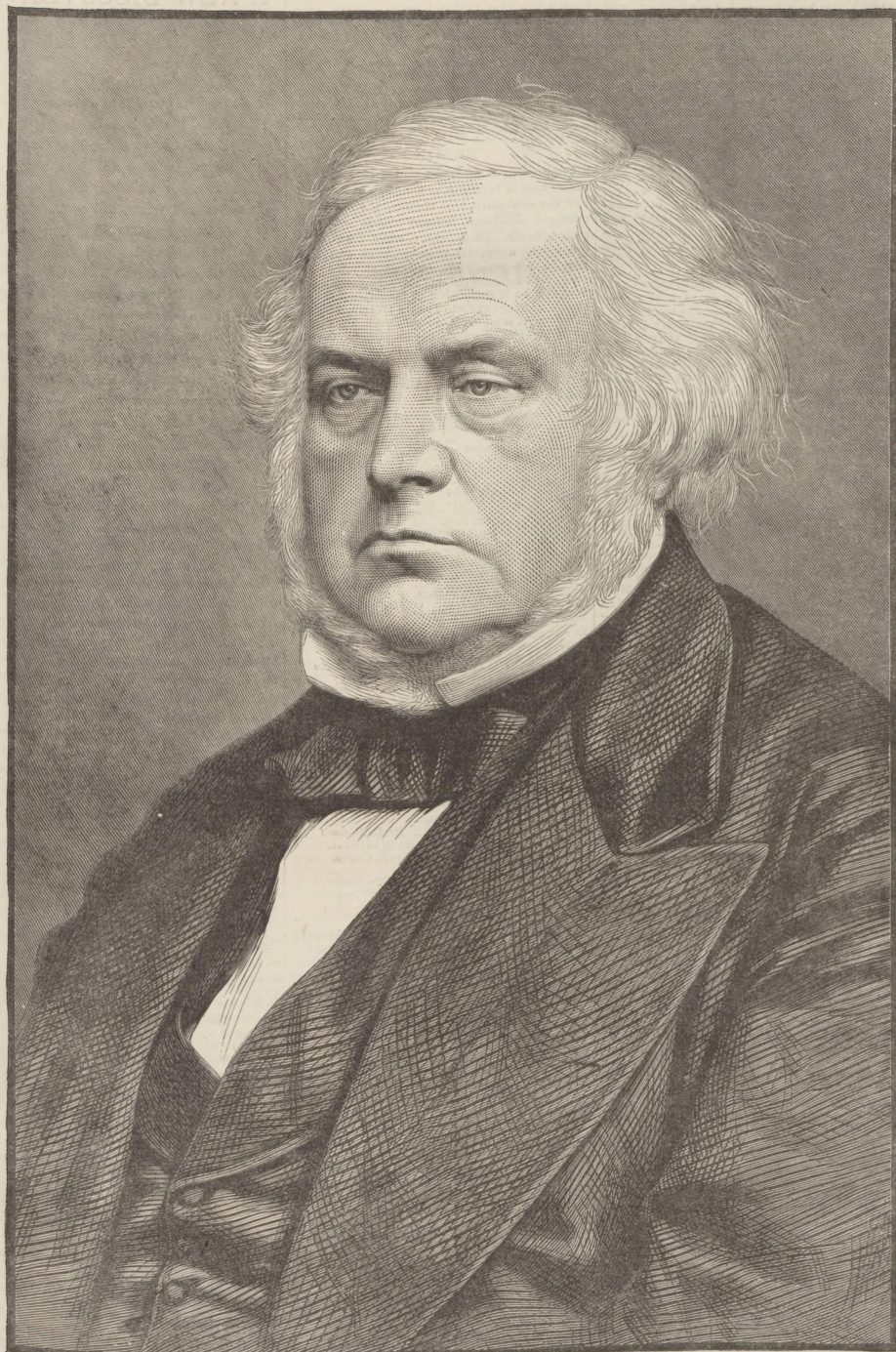
rowing between thirty-eight and thirty-nine strokes in the first minute, thirty-eight in the second, and thirty-seven in the third, made their boat travel at a great pace downorney Reach, as the steam-launches were soon left astern. Keeping a good course down Hammersmith Reach, they passed underneath the Suspension Bridge in 3 min. 59 sec. from the church, and were still striking thirty-seven strokes a minute as they passed the Distillery. The Soap Works were reached in 1 min. 6 sec. from Hammersmith Bridge, and, rowing very fast and well together in the head wind which they met as they opened out the next reach, they stopped about a length above the Crab Tree in 5 min. 55 sec. from Chiswick church. After putting on their overjerseys, they rowed at a steady pace back to Putney, and did a very good piece of work from Craven Cottage to the boat-houses. They have improved greatly since their arrival at Putney. The following were the weights:—

OXFORD.

	st.	lb.
1. H. E. L. Puxley, Corpus	11	8
2. R. P. Rowe, Magdalen	11	9
3. T. A. Cook, Wadham	12	3
4. F. C. Drake, New	13	0
5. Lord Ampthill, New	12	12
6. H. R. Parker, Brasenose	13	13
7. G. Nickalls, Magdalen	12	5
W. F. C. Holland, Brasenose (stroke)	10	13
J. P. Heywood Lonsdale, New (cox.)	8	6

CAMBRIDGE.

While the Oxford crew had gone up the river in the forenoon last Saturday the Cantabs embarked in their new boat and paddled up into Crab-Tree Reach, where they had several short



THE LATE JOHN BRIGHT.

rows of a minute's duration at a fast stroke. They then came ashore. A great crowd collected at the Putney boat-houses in the afternoon, and many carriages were drawn up on the new embankment by the side of the boat-houses, which seems to be a favourable spot for witnessing the practice. The Cambridge men were afloat again in the afternoon at five minutes to five o'clock, at which time the wind was blowing from the south-west, and paddled down to the new bridge, where a skiff was moored for starting purposes. They came away fast and rowed thirty-seven strokes in the first minute, reaching the Bishop's Creek in 1 min. 34 sec., and Craven Steps in 2 min. 54 sec., the rate of stroke having fallen to thirty-six. About 100 yards further up the river a strong scratch eight manned by members of the Thames Rowing Club took a lead of three-quarters of a length, and maintained this though they were rowing a slower stroke than the University crew at Vadden's Wharf, passed by the latter in 4 min. 20 sec. The scratch, having the Surrey berth, were rowing thirty-four to the Cantabs' thirty-six, and still kept in front at the Crab-Tree, where the University crew quickened up to thirty-seven. Rounding the bend by the Soapworks the trained crew gradually gained, and, although they rowed nearly forty strokes a minute to the thirty-seven of the Thames men, could not overhaul the latter, who finished a quarter of a length in front, the time of the University crew being 8 min. 12 sec. Turning round, the two crews rowed alongside one another back to Putney, the scratch crew displaying most speed. The following were the weights:—

CAMBRIDGE.

1. R. H. Symonds-Taylor, Trinity Hall	... 10 13
2. L. Hannen, Trinity Hall	... 11 8
3. R. H. P. Oke, First Trinity	... 11 9
4. C. B. P. Bell, Trinity Hall	... 13 0
5. S. D. Muntgomery, Third Trinity	... 13 10
6. P. Lendale, Trinity Hall	... 11 9
7. F. H. Maughan, Trinity Hall	... 11 7
J. C. Gardner, Emmanuel (stroke)	... 11 9
T. W. Northmore, Queen's (cox)	... 8 1

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE SPORTS take place at the Queen's Club Grounds, West Kensington, the day before the Boat-Race. The Universities' sports commence at 2.30 on Friday afternoon; and the Band of Grenadier Guards will discourse entrancing music for the benefit of the troops of Oxford and Cambridge men who will flock thither with their—"sisters, and their cousins, and their aunts."

THE FLAT-RACING SEASON OPENED AT LINCOLN

Last Monday, and the hearts of racing men rejoice. Let us hope the "winter of their discontent" is completely over. For an opening day at Lincoln Spring Meeting the attendance came up to the usual average; and, although the wind was somewhat rough during the afternoon, the very cold weather so often complained of on the Carlhome in March was not experienced. Very good fields turned out for the various events, and backers of the favourite were successful over the first three races on the card.

Mr. Abington won the Trial Stakes with Snaplock, Mr. T. Spence the Northern Welter Plate with Lobster, Lord Dudley the Carlhome Selling Plate with King Cole, and the Bathynas Stakes with Poem; Mr. L. W. Amell the Blankney Stakes with Cadmus, Mr. L. De Rothschild the Tathwell Plate with Meadow Swift, and Mr. G. E. Paget the Elsham Plate with Marlon.

A capital start was made on Tuesday with the Brocklesby Trial Plate, which attracted no less than seventeen runners. Backers, however, made no mistake, for as soon as the numbers went up Maskey became a strong favourite, and justified her market call, although she only just beat Paget. The Brocklesby Stakes stood next, and attracted as much interest as ever, the competitors being a very promising lot, Semolina and Lactantius were the strongest tips, and the former just had the call at the fall of the flag. The pair had the finish to themselves, and Semolina won cleverly at last, thus repeating the success of her half-brother, Donovan, gained in this race last year. Millstream had an easy task in the Hanton Stakes, but the finish would have been much closer if Darnecide had been well ridden. Trenton's second to Cadmus in the Blankney Stakes caused him to be made a warm favourite for the Maiden Plate, despite the fact

of the opposition being a strong one. No un-
easiness was felt about the result, the favourite having the race in hand some distance from home. Hinton upset calculations in the Sudbrooke Selling Plate, and a capital day's racing was brought to a close with the Doddington Plate, which brought out a field of eight, the result being in favour of Royal Gem. The great race of the meeting was reserved for Wednesday. The Lincolnshire Handicap was then won by Wise Man; Acme second, and The Baron third.

LIVERPOOL GRAND NATIONAL MEETING

draws the Prince of Wales and a host of titled racing men to Liverpool at the close of the week. For the convenience of visitors, the admirably managed Midland Railway made excellent arrangements. On Saturday, when the meeting concludes, a special train will be run from Aintree (Cheshire Lines Station) at 4.15 p.m., reaching St. Pancras at 9.5. Rougemont and Why Not on Monday divided favouritism for the Grand National at 10 to 1. Et Cetera, Frigate, Glenhorpe, and Voluntary were each well backed. Magic advanced to 100 to 6, and Belona was freely supported at 33 to 1.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S COLOURS

will be worn in the Grand National by Magic and Hettie.

THE GRAND NATIONAL: PROBABLE STARTERS.

Ballot Box, by Candidate—Susan, aged, 12st. 7lb.	... W. Nightingall
Rougemont, by Window—Cream Cheese, aged, 12st.	... Mr. E. P. Wilson
Gamecock, by Revolver—Lightning, aged, 11st. 12lb.	... Dolly
Savoyard, by New Overseer—Solferino, aged, 11st. 11lb.	... Mr. G. Lambton
Concord, by Blood Royal—Ma-vourneen, aged, 11st. 10lb.	... Mr. C. J. Cunningham
Why Not, by Castlereagh—Twitter, aged, 11st. 5lb.	... Mr. T. Beasley
Frigate, by Gunboat—Fair Maid of Kent, aged, 11st. 4lb.	... T. Skelton
Voluntary, by Comoros—Miss Evelyn, aged, 11st. 3lb.	... Mr. Waller
Belona, by Lord Gough—Metz, aged, 10st. 10lb.	... Captain Owen
Kilworth, by John Davis—Black Prince, aged, 10st. 13lb.	... Morris
Et Cetera, by Town Moor—Fair and Square, 5 yrs., 10st. 13lb.	... Mr. W. H. Moore
Glenhorpe, by Glendale—Lady Dunthorpe, 5 yrs., 10st. 10lb.	... Mr. W. Beasley
The Pawn, by Pero Gomez—Gazelle, aged, 10st. 10lb.	... Jones
Magic, by Benwick (dam pedigree unknown), 10st. 9lb.	... A. Nightingall
M.P., by Minstrel, dam by Blood Royal, aged, 10st. 9lb.	... Mr. H. Beasley
Battle Royal, by Ben Battle, dam by Blood Royal, 5 yrs., 10st. 8lb.	... Hewitt
Merry Maiden, by See-Saw—Lizzie Greyhound, aged, 10st. 7lb.	... A. Hall
Hettie, by Sir Berys—Blenheim, aged, 6 yrs., 10st. 5lb.	... Mr. G. Thompson
Phyllis, by Cordulus—Gladia, aged, 10st. 4lb.	... Mr. D. Thirlwell
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TIPS FOR THE LIVERPOOL GRAND NATIONAL.

Sporting Life—Glenhorpe or Et Cetera.

Spectator—Rougemont.

Referee—Rougemont or Et Cetera.

The Field—Why Not or Ballot Box.

Land and Water—Glenhorpe.

COMING EVENTS

cast their shadows before them to some financial effect at the chief London speculative clubs last Monday. Early in the day 200 to 100, 100 to 50, and 90 to 40 were in turn laid upon Cambridge for the Boat-Race; but during the evening the odds were again reduced, and the market closed at 7 to 4 on Cambridge, taken and offered.

For the Derby to be decided on June 5) 300 to 100 was offered against Donovan after 11 to 4 had been taken. Chitabob led to no business either for the Prince of Wales's Stakes or the Epsom prize.

THE CASE OF CHITABOB

is not so serious as was feared last Saturday. Mr. Barker, the veterinary surgeon of Malton, has paid great attention to the colt since the accident on Friday week, and on Monday morning was able to give L. Anson the good news that the son of Robert the Devil and Jenny Howlet would be able to resume strong work before the close of the present week. This information will be received with feelings of relief by Chitabob's numerous backers for the Prince of Wales's Stakes and Derby.

HOUSE OF COMMONS STEEPLECHASE.

The Press Association understands that the stewards of the House of Commons Steeplechase

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have altered the site of the race from Banbury Cross to Buckingham. Lord Chesham, to whom was intrusted the duty of choosing the course, found, on examination, that Banbury Cross was unsuitable for the purpose. The entries for the steeplechase will close the day before the race.

CARDIFF STEEPLECHASES.

The Grand National Hunt Steeplechases will be held in connection with the Cardiff Meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 2 and 3.

SALE AT TATTERSALLS.

The feature of Monday's sale at Albert-gate was that Torchlight, five years, by Dutch Star, out of Illuminata, by Rosicrucian, was disposed of to Mr. R. M. Arnold for 800 guineas. Some hunters were sent up by Mr. W. A. Grant, of the 13th Lancers, and Conundrum fetched 120 guineas, Jock Scott 57 guineas, Kelvin 60 guineas, and Archbishop 156 guineas.

THE AMERICAN RIFLE TEAM.

Private Fidler, captain of the Berkshire Volunteer rifle shooting team, has received a letter from Major Frost, captain of the American rifle team, accepting the challenge to shoot a match with the Berkshire team at Churn, one of the suggested sites for the New Wimbledon. The Americans will reach England about the end of June, and their match with the Berkshire rifle-men will be the first they will shoot in this country. The Americans will subsequently take part in competition at Wimbledon.

AMERICAN BASEBALL PLAYERS AT BELFAST.

About 4000 spectators were present last Monday at the Ormeau Grounds, Belfast, to witness an exhibition of baseball between the teams of All America and Chicago. The weather was showery. Both sides showed great brilliancy in throwing and catching, and after a closely-contested game All America won by nine runs to eight.

REGATTA AT NICE.

The international regatta took place at Nice last Monday. In the race for sailing-yachts of the second class, the English cutter Neptune, owned by Mr. Birchall, came in second, and she also took the second place in the subsequent "Course d'Ensemble." In the race for yachts' boats the first prize was won by the Garland, and the second by the Zarita.

BILLIARDS.

Mr. John Roberts, jun., and Mr. J. North continued their spot-barred match of 20,000 up, commenced last week, at 14, Grafton-street, Old Bond-street, on Monday afternoon. At starting the scores were:—North (who received half the game start), 13,269; Roberts, 6066; and during the afternoon the scoring was fairly even. Roberts was seen to excellent advantage in the evening, and, in addition to a splendid break of 576, contributed a fine run of 449, 104, 65, and 146 unfinished. When play ceased on Monday night the game stood—North, 14,358; Roberts, 8867.

The match of 8000 up, spot-barred, between H. McNeil and H. Coles, which formed the billiard programme at the Westminster Aquarium last week, was brought to a conclusion on Saturday evening. Coles ran out a winner by 172.

A spot-barred match of 8000 up, between V. Mitchell and T. Taylor, was commenced at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, on Monday. The opening play was considerably in favour of Mitchell, who conceded a start of 1000 points; but it is only fair to state that Taylor at late has been far from well, and was consequently unable to show his real form. The score at the close of the first day's play was—Taylor, 1771; Mitchell, 1534.

FOOTBALL.

Several important football-matches were decided on Saturday last. In continuation of the contest for the English Challenge Cup the Blackburn Rovers met the Wolverhampton Wanderers at Crewe, and were defeated by three goals to one. The Metropolitan Association were beaten at Glasgow by a local team, and at the Oval the 3rd Lancashire R.V. were victorious over the Corinthians by three goals to one.

There was very little football on Monday last, though the Bolton Wanderers beat Bootle, at Bootle, by one goal to none, and Staveley Rovers in the Derbyshire Charity Cup competition by four goals to none. The New Zealanders played an "extra" match at Widnes, being defeated by one goal and three tries to a try and two minors.

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THE PRINCE AS A SPORTSMAN.

Since our late friend "The Druid" used to speak with hearty admiration of the young Prince of Wales's first experiences at Newmarket on his cob, his Royal Highness has continued to relieve himself from the carking cares of Court and from the boredom of routine by taking an active interest in the Turf.



The Prince took the Princess and his son and daughters to Sandown Park last week; and he closes the present week in the congenial company of the Earl of Selson at the Liverpool Grand National Meeting. There is a warm tribute to the Prince of Wales in the new "Driving" volume of that excellent standard work, the Badminton Library of Sports and Pastimes, edited by the Duke of Beaufort, with the assistance of Mr. Alfred Watson.

"I do so, feeling that I am dedicating them to one of the best and keenest sportsmen of our time. I can say, from personal observation, that there is no man who can extricate himself from a bustling and pushing crowd of horsemen, when a fox breaks covert, more dexterously and quickly than his Royal Highness, and that when hounds run hard over a big country no man can take a line of his own and live with them better. Also when the wind has been blowing hard, often have I seen his Royal Highness knocking over driven grouse and partridges and high-roosting pheasants in first-rate workmanlike style. He is held to be a good yachtsman, and as commodore of the Royal Yacht Squadron is looked up to by those who love that pleasant and exhilarating pastime. His encouragement of racing is well known, and his attendance at the University, public school, and other important matters testifies to his being, like most English gentlemen, fond of all manly sports. I consider it a great privilege to be allowed to dedicate these volumes to so eminent a sportsman as his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and I do so with sincere feelings of respect and esteem and loyal devotion."

TOWN DESTROYED BY FIRE.

EIGHTY-FOUR PERSONS BURNED.

Intelligence from St. Petersburg states that the town of Linsk, in the Government of Minsk, has been almost entirely destroyed by fire. Some heart-rending scenes were witnessed during the conflagration. This winter eighty-four persons perished. The police are making searching inquiries, as the disaster is attributed to incendiaries.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN'S FREE DINNERS.—The free dinners instituted by Princess Christian for the benefit of the poor children of Windsor have just closed for the present winter. They have been given twice a week in the Guild-hall or the Albert Institute, the Princess herself personally assisting. This winter 6681 dinners have been served, the average number of little ones at each meal being 242.

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parachute descent on Calcutta racecourse. The natives were present in hundreds of thousands, full of excited enthusiasm. The Viceroy, the Lieutenant-Governor, and the leading members of the community, native and European, were present on the grand stand. At six o'clock Mr. Spencer took his seat on the narrow leather sling which replaces the car used with an ordinary balloon, and gave orders to let go the ropes. The balloon, however, refused to rise, being overweighed apparently by the parachute. To the consternation of everybody, he ordered the parachute to be unhitched and the balloon to be released, and the next moment he

SAILED OFF INTO SPACE.

Some ten minutes later the balloon was out of sight. The crowd then began to realise the terrible danger which Mr. Spencer had faced in order to fulfil what he imagined to be an obligation to the public. The balloon carried no ballast or grappling-irons, and possessed no valve. Mr. Spencer was without any apparatus for regulating the descent of the balloon; he was dressed in thin clothes, and had neither food nor stimulant. As the hours passed by and no news was received the public excitement increased, and this was further stimulated next day by false rumours and by the publication of the opinion of leading scientists that death was inevitable. This condition of anxious mental tension was protracted until late on the Thursday evening, when telegraphic news was received of Mr. Spencer's safety, and on Friday morning he returned to Calcutta.

It appears that the balloon ascended 13,000 ft., and then began gradually to descend. Ultimately, Mr. Spencer leaped from the balloon when near the earth, and found himself safely planted in a small island, some forty miles from Barasut, between seven and eight o'clock on the Tuesday evening. He eventually succeeded with difficulty in obtaining shelter and food, and was subsequently sent on to Fossilambah, situated in the cultivated part of the Sunderbans. He has had a marvellous escape. Had the wind carried him to a wilder and remoter part, or had he been driven out to sea, as was quite possible, he would almost certainly have paid for his chivalrous temerity with his life.

THE DANGERS OF OUR FISHERMEN.

as brave a class of men as ever faced peril for their daily bread, are sadly exemplified by a recent disaster. Two cod and ling fishing-boats, while attempting to make the harbour of Ness, near Stornoway, on Tuesday night, March 19, during a heavy north-easterly gale, were swamped, and the crews, consisting of six men in each, were drowned. Two other boats were near, but could render no assistance. The rest of the fishing fleet ran into other places for shelter. Six of the unfortunate men were married, and six widows and twenty-six children are left utterly destitute.

The Queen has forwarded through Sir Henry Ponsonby a donation of £50 to Mr. Henegue, M.P., in aid of the fund now being raised for the widows and orphans of the Grimsby fishermen who perished in the recent gales; and we doubt not that her Majesty would as freely subscribe for the relief of the poor Scottish widows and orphans, were their sufferings made known to her.

A COAST HERO

is limed to the life in the page Illustration depicting a coastguard discharging a rocket to the rescue of a shipwrecked crew. Apropos, we are glad to hear that the Board of Trade have awarded their Silver Medal for Gallantry in Saving Life at Sea to William Murray, commissioned coastguard boatman at Portpatrick, for his gallant and praiseworthy services on the occasion of the wreck at that place of the barque Roseneath, of Glasgow, on Feb. 2 last. The Roseneath drove on the rocks at Portpatrick during a very heavy snowstorm, and lost four of her crew with the mate's wife and child. The remainder, five in number, were safely landed, under most dangerous and difficult circumstances, by means of the rocket apparatus. William Murray especially distinguished himself on the occasion by going down on a very dangerous part of the rocks to clear the whip (an endless line used with the life-saving apparatus) which

had got foul. He also risked his own life in going down over the face of the rocks and assisting the shipwrecked crew up the rocks. Well done, Murray!

THE CHANGE IN THE JAPANESE CONSTITUTION

was swiftly succeeded by a tragic incident. On the very day of the fête to celebrate the bestowal of a Parliamentary form of government, Viscount Mort, the Minister of Education, and one of the leaders of the modern party, was just about to enter his carriage to attend the ceremony at the Palace when he was struck dead by an assassin at his own door. "Before the murderer could withdraw his weapon, he was cut down by one of the guards already in attendance on State Ministers." His sword leapt from its scabbard! has been a favourite expression with novelists, but sword never sprang quicker from its sheath than did that of this man, who, with one sweep of his terrible Japanese blade, sent the murderer's head rolling in the dust, as his master sank back, mortally wounded, into the arms of his attendants." It was the head of a Shinto priest, who had been waiting for the chance for what he must have thought a weary time. Years ago, the Minister had entered the temple which this priest served, and had forgotten to remove his shoes. The holy man swore to kill him for this act of desecration, and he had at last kept his word.

MRS. LANGWORTHY UNHORSED.

Mrs. Langworthy, the lady whose marriage rights were with chivalric courage successfully championed by Mr. William T. Stead, editor of the *Pall Mall Gazette*, met with what threatened to be a serious accident on Thursday week. She was riding at Margate when her horse, startled by a German band, shied violently, and, cannoning against a lamp-post, unseated its rider. Her horse reared, and fell over upon Mrs. Langworthy, crushing her foot. Her groom rode up at once and extricated her from her horse. Those who saw the accident wondered she was not killed; but, except for the crushed foot and a severe shaking, she happily, escaped unhurt.

MABEL LOVE'S FLIGHT.

Much excitement has been occasioned in London by the announcement that Miss Mabel Love, a young and promising member of the burlesque company at the Gaiety Theatre, had been missing, and the greatest anxiety was felt by her parents. She was only fourteen or fifteen years of age, though apparently older, was about 5 ft. 4 in. in height, had a fresh complexion, with light gray eyes, and fair, curling hair hanging loose over the shoulders. She had appeared at the Gaiety on Friday se'n'ight, in the part of the vivandière, in the burlesque of "Faust Up to Date." That evening she returned, accompanied by a servant as usual, to her home, 33, Arundel-street, Strand, where her father and mother live, and on Saturday morning, March 16, paid her customary visit to the treasury and received her salary.

A young lady, answering the description given of Miss Love, and of about the same age, applied on the following Monday evening for employment at the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin. She was told there was no vacancy. Afterwards, when the manager heard about Miss Love's disappearance, he communicated with Mr. Edwardes in London, and the conjecture that it was the lady herself proved correct. Mr. George Edwardes writes that Miss Mabel Love travelled alone from Euston to Dublin on the Saturday, and she applied for an engagement at Mr. Michael Gunn's theatre. The young lady was safely restored to her friends on Thursday week. Mr. Edwardes also says Miss Love will not reappear at the Gaiety, and Miss Kate Barry has been engaged in her place.

A RAMSGATE MYSTERY.

It transpired at the inquest held at Ramsgate last Monday on the body of the young woman who was found dead under the East Cliff, that her name was Patience Kench, and that she had resided with her brother, James Kench, at Compton-street, Clarendon-well, James Kench stated that the deceased had been for some time of unsound mind, and that she escaped from the control of her mother on Friday morning last week, when she must have proceeded to Ramsgate. An open verdict of "Found drowned" was returned.

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"Wheatley, March 5, 1889.
"Dear Sir,—Carpet to-hand to-day, with which we are quite satisfied. Thanking you.—Yours respectfully,
"B. B., pro Wm. Bonney."

"Rococo St. Genny's, Cornwall, March 12, 1889.
"Gentlemen,—The goods arrived yesterday. Carpet gives great satisfaction.—Yours truly, WALTER GOSSE."
"Little Mill, East Peckham, near Fordingham, Kent,
"March 20.

"Gentlemen,—Please to forward me two carpets or rugs for 10s. 6d. I like the one I had from you sixteen months ago; it has worn very well considering the time, and being in constant wear every day.—I am, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,
"H. C. CLARK."

"Longham, East Devonham, March 21, 1889.
"Dear Sir,—I write to say I received the carpets and rugs all safe, and am very pleased with them; and thank you for your kindness in sending so promptly.—Yours respectfully,
"M. GOWARD."

"Rowfold Cottage, Billingshurst, Sussex.
"Sir,—B. Baxter writes to say she has received her carpet, and is much pleased with same."

"Taighnagh, March 22, 1889.
"Dear Sir,—The parcel came to-hand to-day, and the carpets and rugs do please me well. They are very good for the money.—I am, dear Sir, yours, D. M. DAVIES."

"52, Church-road, St. Leonard-on-Sea, March 19.
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"Dear Sir,—I received the two carpets and rugs in good condition, and am perfectly satisfied with the same, and consider them good value for the money.
"Yours truly,
"Wm. HODGSON."

"51, Park-street, Bristol.
"Gentlemen,—I received the carpets safely; many thanks for sending them off so promptly. We are very pleased with them, and think them wonderfully cheap.
"Faithfully yours,
"E. HESWART."

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THE SHOWMAN.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

Hooray for our first Spring Holiday! May Light Blue or Dark Blue fill the sky with sunny light! The Carnival of the Blues is at hand. Prince and Pleb., Plutocrat and Poor Man may well rejoice. The Boat-Race Day has come round again. We're all Oxford or Cambridge partisans. Vistas of patrician pets

at Putney; beves of beauties at Barnes; heaps of 'Arries and 'Arriets at the White Hart; brilliant river reaches, with a ribbon of clear tide left for gallant contending crews, the pick of the Isis and the Cam—all these recollections combine to call "All London" up the river again to Putney and Mortlake on the Thirtieth of March (which I fervently hope will be a genial, sunny day).

But I'm reminded by our canvas, friends, that another important race is down for the self-same Saturday. There's a contest on that will call many of our suburban patrons to Enfield and eke to Edmonton, and doubtless its Johnny Gilpin's famous Bell. Need I say that I allude to the keen political struggle between

the Right (championed by Mr. Fairbairns) and the Wrong (for which the Enfield Tories are playing at Bowles)? Which would I vote for? Why, for Fairbairns and Fairplay, of course!

Pray consider for a moment the Duplicity and Inconsistency of the Cum-Grano-Salisbury crew! Depend upon it, theirs is a cranky craft, and it will ere long sink as surely as H.M.S. Sultan did. Let those mislead Liberals, Hartington and Chamberlain, cheer Lord Cum-Grano-Salisbury as cordially as those thick-skinned 'verts please! The Ministerial boat is doomed. Besides the smart little cockleshells of Lord Randolph Churchill and Lord Charley Berosford, there are formidable breakers ahead in Public Opinion's wholesome intolerance of Misrule. Look at 'em!

Mark the difference between the two crews! Look at this picture—and on this! The maligned Farnell, who with noble fortitude and patience bore the foul "Pigott" slanders launched against him long after he had denounced the alleged facsimile letters as forgeries, is allotted a place of honour in the buoyant Liberal boat. Chivalrous Will Gladstone strokes—aye, and, "the flowing tide" with him now, he is surely and steadily stroking his staunch and true eight to a not-distant victory! Well rounded, Number Seven—bravvo, Harcourt! What a slogging, richly merited, ye gave Webster! Well done, Roseberry! I have my eye on ye. Keep true to Sweet Erin; and

your rowers it is certain. Cheer, boys, cheer for Henry Labouchere ! For the cool and wary unmaker of Pigott desecrates the choirs of every Briton who likes Fairplay. Granville is a steadfast Liberal ! Personification of Commonense and Courtesy ! He and I were converted to Home Rule about the same time by the fair-minded "Red Earl." A lusty cheer for John Morley (No. 3), who, more single-minded than Fox Chamberlain, has taken Joey's place as Gladstone's right-hand man. There's no Englishman living knows so much about Ireland and every phase of Irish life as Earl Spencer (Number Two in the boat). Twice Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Spencer has been behind the scenes, and enjoyed special advantages for judging of the character of Charles Stewart Parnell, the Irish Leader. What is the result ? Why, Earl Spencer has no public platforms repeatedly declared Mr. Parnell's innocence of complicity with crime. And who can doubt the word ? An English Nobleman in every sense, Earl Spencer's good faith can be questioned by no one. No better man for bow or not than my smart young friend Tay Pay O'Connor ! He has a fine sense of humour and a sense of duty to keep the boat in motion. His bright and cheery *Star* is in the ascendant. What's the moral ? Why, vote for Fairbairns : and thus help on the victory of Conciliation and the triumph of the Republic of Civilisation over Balfour's bastard Feudalism in Ireland ! Let the song be—never mind the metre—

Fair was the weather on the Enfield Day,
Richard Webster's "Pigott" stroke failed,
And the

With a G. O. M. dash was the race begun ;
So be prepared sooner or later to hear Parnell's
won !

PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR
AMONG THE WORKING LADS

PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR paid a visit to Bethnal-green last Monday afternoon and opened an Institute for Working Lads, which has been established as a memorial to the late Mr. Herbert Webbe, who died suddenly, at the age of thirty, some two years ago, while saying the Lord's Prayer to a number of lads at Paddington. Mr. Webbe was well known both as a former president of the Oxford University Musical Society and captain of the Oxford University Eleven.

His Royal Highness, in declaring the institute open, said that a more fitting memorial to a man who had devoted his life to the service of his country than those in its lower station, could not have been raised than such an institution as this, which sought by means of classes to give to the poor the means of earning time to afford amusement and exercise from which the members could not fail to derive advantage. Amidst the loud cheers which greeted the Prince, the Duke of the Prince, occupied the seats nearest to the platform, the building was then declared open, after which a vote of thanks was passed to the Prince and the Duke, who was subsequently shown over the building by the Prince. By such hearty acts of sympathy with the Poor as this cannot fail to excite the assent to Englishmen and Englishwomen.

A BISHOP ON BOXING

The Rev. Osborne Jay preached a sermon on the subject of football at Holy Trinity Church, Shorefield, last Sunday evening. Taking for his text St. Paul's words—"So fight I, not as one that beateth the air"—he deduced therefrom the conclusion that the apostle of the Gentiles "saw no improvement in the glories of the world, who those who struggled in the ring." Mr. Jay went on to defend boxing as being as much a game of skill as chess; and he quoted a letter from the Bishop of Bedford, in which that prelate said:—"I can see no possible harm in boxing. It is capital training, and conducive to promote good temper, and self-control."

Why every man should not know how to defend himself."

STAGE AND ORCHESTRA.



MISS MARION LEA

(ligned as the fascinating young widow Bliss in "That Doctor Cupid") displayed her versatility on March 21 at the Avenue, where she ably sustained the part of the heroine of Alexandre Dumas' "Mlle. De Belle-Isle," adapted by Mr. H. O. Buckle under the title of "The Duke's Boast." The veteran actress Mrs. Stirling, who played the part fifty years ago and who now looks hale and hearty, albeit she has to walk with a stick, was present at Miss Marion Lea's matinee.

formed the Crystal Palace comedy for Thursday; Mr. Thorne having arranged to take his Vaudeville company down to Sydenham in the afternoon.

“DOROTHY”
is being played for the last nights for
the present at the Lyric;

the new English opera by Mr. B. C. Stephenson and Mr. Alfred Cellier, being announced for production at the Lyric on April 20.

MADAME ALBANI
has accepted the engagement to sing
in the "Elijah" at the Crystal Palace
on June 22.

THE JUBILEE BENEFIT
of the General Theatrical Fund will be
held, by kind permission of Mr.
Augustus Harris, at Drury-Lane
Theatre, on the morning of April 11.

THE PRINCESS'S.
In consequence of the great success
of Mr. Wilson Barrett's Turf drama

"Now-a-Days," it was on Monday put in the evening bill, and will for the present be played on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings. "Good Old Times" will occupy the bill on every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. There will also be matinees each week of "Now-a-Days" on Wednesdays and of "Good Old Times" on Saturday afternoons.

WEDNESDAY'S MATINEES

were Mr. Sydney Grundy's new comedy, "Merry Margate," at the Comedy; and Mr. George Manville Fenn's "Her Ladyship," at the Strand.

MISS KINHARVIR
successfully appeared last Tuesday
afternoon at Terry's as Constance
Winthrop in Mr. Bronson Howard's
play, "Young Mrs. Winthrop."

THE LONDON SUNDAY-SCHOOL CHOIR gave a concert at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday. The choir numbered nearly 1500 voices and sang several pieces, conducted by Mr. L. Hinton. Mr. Davies was at the organ. Miss Lizzie Neal and Mr. R. Hilton were the solo vocalists, and Mr. J. Saunders solo violinist. A glee party, habited in various Old English costumes and directed by Mr. J. A. Birch, came some madrigals, to the great delight of the assembly.

THE PRINCE AND OTTO HEGNER.

WHEN the Prince of Wales is mindful to do a good thing, he has a happy knack of doing it at the right moment. H. R. H. may not care for literary men or journalists, but he has a keen sense of the dramatic point! Prince's Hall was crowded to excess last Monday night, on the occasion of the third smoking-concert of the season. The programme was a fine one, and the presence of the Prince of Wales and suite added not a little to the elation of the entertainment. The musical "hit" of the evening was the "Lullaby" of Schubert, and bright little Master Otto Hegner in Mendelssohn's concerto for pianoforte and orchestra, in which the boy pianist, despite the fact that he is only eight years of age, was really excellent. The "infant prodigy" appeared also in Rubinstein's "Value Caprice," for pianoforte alone. The Prince of Wales, his wife, his son, and his Royal Highness's compliments afforded the boy supreme pleasure.

AN EASTERN DREAM.

THE COUNTESS OF ABERDEEN has given permission for a bazaar, realising an Eastern scene from the Arabian Nights Entertainment, to be held in the music-room of her new house in Grosvenor-square, on April 5 and 6, on behalf of St. Mary's parish church building in St. George's-in-the-East. Among the stall-holders will be the Marchioness of Tavistock, Lady George Hamilton, the Countess of Aberdeen, Lady Balfour of Burleigh, and Lady Fanny Marjoribanks. We have no doubt the "Eastern Dream," or "Arabian Nights" Bazaar, will be better managed than the so-called Ice Carnival was.

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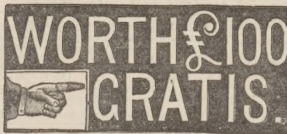
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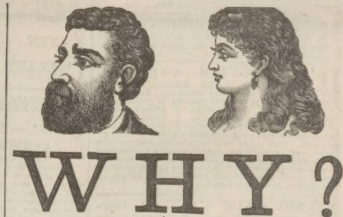
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